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20. [ ] LIAISON I returned the call of Donna Lavigne, of Chairman John Glenn's (D., Ohio) Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Energy, Nuclear Proliferation and Federal Services. Lavigne had asked why she had not received a response to a letter of 9 November from Senator Glenn to the Director requesting that the Director grant former DCI Richard Helms a release from his "oath of office" so that Helms might be interviewed on matters relating to [ ] by the Subcommittee. I told Lavigne that we had only received the letter on 14 November and were working on the response. She said that she had heard from Chairman John Dingell's (D., Mich.) House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power that Mr. Helms had received a verbal release to be able to discuss [ ] with Mr. Dingell's Subcommittee. I said I would check and get back to her. After discussing the latter part of the request with [ ] OLC, I confirmed this with [ ] OGC, and [ ] OLC. Among us, we drafted a letter for the Director's signature to Mr. Helms granting him an appropriate release from his "secrecy obligations" for the specific purpose of discussing [ ] with the two Subcommittees. The draft was forwarded to George Cary, OLC, and Tony Lapham, OGC, for further consideration.

21. [ ] LIAISON Jim Conrow, in the office of Representative C. W. Bill Young (R., Fla.), called to express his thanks for the CIA unclassified publication entitled, "Soviet Commercial Operations in the West," and to ask if CIA had anything more on an enterprise in Seattle called "USSR Marine Resources Company." I said I would inquire and let him know.

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